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**From:** Matthew Seddon  
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Bruce,

It was good to talk to you today, as with previous conversations on this project. You have been doing a good job of consulting with me on the APE and scope of identification efforts per 36CFR800.4(a)(1) and 36CFR800.4(b). As we discussed, a reasonable and good faith effort in this case consists of conducting archaeological survey of a sample of the area of potential subsidence consisting of:

- 1) Total survey of escarpment areas
- 2) A block in the Section 13, 18 area per the map you sent me and
- 3) A sample of the other large subsidence area, regardless of landownership, looking at a combination of springs and other high probability areas known from other areas, along with one random sample of flats within this area

This sample should enable you to determine if additional survey is necessary or not.

Within these parameters, I'm very comfortable with your judgement if the overall sample needs to be adjusted due to changes in mining plans, ground conditions, etc. Although you are always welcome to call me for a second opinion, I don't think you need to keep consulting unless things drastically alter the above strategy.

I look forward to hearing the results of the sample survey.

Thanks!

Matt

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>>> William Ellis <wellis@fs.fed.us> 8/30/2006 4:21 PM >>>

Matt, hopefully this doesn't blow your inbox out. Here is the map I referred to, that shows a very tentative survey sample (if you can discern it from this very confusing map-the dark blue/purple lines indicate the sample we were thinking about before your discussion with DOGM re:98-404 (See attached file: arch study area\_recover Model (1).pdf)). Anyway, hope you have a large computer screen. I will be in touch asap.

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